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LOCAL MENTION

Swat the fly.

Clean Up and Paint Up.

Why live in a dirty town?

Disease and dirt are twins.

Leandro and David Ortega were business visitors in town this week.

Clean up your vacant lots and turn them into flower and vegetable gardens.

Tobias Younis of Concho was at the county seat for a short business trip this week.

Let's Clean Up and Paint Up and Keep it Up. Make this a real slogan hereabouts by living up to it.

On April 26 at 3 P. M. the sheriff of Apache County will sell at public auction all the sheep belonging to Nasif Tamar deceased. Numbering from 2500 to 3000, wool still on sheep.

Eyesight Specialist, Dr. J. E. Ward, was a business visitor here the forepart of this week attending to the wants of his many patients and soliciting others who are in need of better sight.

Gustav Pecker, Apache County's good road booster, was in the city Monday. Would that we had many others like him in our county. If we did, we would certainly be on the map for sure.

Attorney J. E. Crosby, of Holbrook, brother to Judge George H. Crosby, jr., an attorney in the Nasif Tamar estate, was in the city for the whole of this week, looking after matters in the superior court pertaining to the above mentioned estate.

Levi S. Udall, clerk of the board of supervisors has been very busy during the past week enrolling the men of our town, both single and married between the ages of 18 and 45. The married men outnumber the single.

Julius Pecker, the general manager of the big merchandise store of the Becker Mercantile Co., at Springerville, passed through town Tuesday returning home from a trip east where he had been to purchase goods for their immense business.

Attorney Isaac Barth of the Duke city is in the city attending to business before the Superior court of Apache county and also enjoying a short visit with his parents and brother and sisters.

Jacob F. Butler, of Eagar, was in the city Tuesday attending to some land matters before U. S. Land Commissioner, Chas Jarvis. Frank says that the spring is very backward at his town this year, but that many are preparing to plant large crops of wheat, oats, potatoes, etc. He also

says that it has been very windy and cold for a long time but otherwise the prospects are fine for the raising of good crops and everybody has the fever of trying to produce something.

The superior court has been busy ever since last Saturday hearing claims against the estate of Nasif Tamar, deceased. Simultaneously Cashier D. J. Thomas of the Merchants & Stockgrowers Bank has been attending to enable him as representative of the administrator to allow or disallow claims. Yesterday the administrator and court concurred in refusing to allow the claim of Miss Lucy Elia for \$4440.00 for services as clerk, book keeper and secretary to Mr. Tamar since 1907, but the administrator and court also concurred in allowing the claim of Mrs. Elena Elia for \$66.00, for money had and received by him. Attorney F. W. Nelson has been representing the Elia's and attorneys J. E. Jones, Herndon J. Norris and A. S. Gibbons have appeared for the heirs contesting the claims, while Attorney J. E. Crosby represents the administrator. As our form closes the hearing on a claim for the return of personal property to Miss Elia is being heard.

Eva I. Zufall secured a divorce from Milo A. Zufall in the superior court Saturday afternoon. She is now a resident of Colter, but she and her husband formerly lived at Aztec, N. M.

The district school of the west district, No. 11, closed last Friday. The graduating class were:

Alma Naegle, Arthur Whiting, Byron Heap, Lawrence Jones, Walter Jones, Herman Whiting, Velma Thompson.

D. J. Thomas of Holbrook has been in our city for several days this week, attending to matters of business before the Superior court. The Merchants and Stockgrowers Bank at Holbrook was appointed administrator of the Tamar estate and Mr. Thomas President of the bank is here for the purpose of looking after this matter.

Sheep or Cattlemen—Have for lease two townships, between Holbrook and St. Johns, Arizona. Also range for 5000 head sheep if taken at once.

Box 735,

Gallup, N. M.

Chas. P. Anderson manager of the Anderson Mercantile Co. spent a few days at Gallup, N. M. this week attending to business matters.

James Sorensen was up from Hunt, visiting with his sister Mrs. Lillian Overson, for a few days before her departure for Idaho.

The Olsen Construction Company of Phoenix Arizona was awarded the contract for building Apache County's new court house for \$36,237.00.

The Polly Jail Supply Co. was giving the contract for moving steel cells from the present jail to the new one for about \$1100 and will also supply some more cells and other fixtures for about \$1200.00 more.

DEATH OF A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG LADY.

Ysabolita Duran, beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tiofilo Duran, died last Saturday night at their Ojo Bonita ranch from a gunshot wound inflicted by her own hand.

The story runs about as follows or as it was told to us.

Saturday morning Mr. and Mrs. Duran left for St. Johns for the purpose of taking their children back to the ranch. The children had been attending school for the winter in St. Johns. Miss Ysabolita wished to come to town with them, but her wish was not granted and she was left at the ranch to cook for her brothers, Mrs. Miguel Duran was also at the ranch and the two women were in the parlor and Mrs. Duran was playing the piano and while thus engaged Ysabolita slipped away and secured a 32-calibre revolver, belonging to her brother, Miguel, and aiming at her left breast she pulled the trigger the bullet entered the left breast about two inches above the left nipple and came out just below the shoulder blade.

A messenger was dispatched to St. Johns for a doctor and to inform her parents of the tragedy. Dr. Bouldin and Mr. and Mrs. Duran left immediately for the ranch and arrived there about one hour before she died. The shot was fired at about four o'clock P. M. and she died at about 12 o'clock midnight.

Miss Duran was 20 years of age and was a bright and beautiful young woman and a favorite among her associates, she loved dancing and music and was of a very entertaining nature, and the motive for the act is unexplainable and the real cause may never be known.

The funeral services was held in St. Johns Monday at Mr. Abel Ortega's home, where a large number of friends and relatives gathered to pay their last respects to the departed one.

The sympathy of the entire community goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Duran and family in their bereavement.

99 Year Sentence.

Socorro, N. M. April 13.—One-simo Chavez, the man who attempted to kill the men in the western Socorro county by poisoning their flour at their camp, and succeeded in killing his own brother-in-law, who stopped at the camp for supper was today given a sentence of ninety-nine years in the state penitentiary.

The poisoning took place near St. Johns, and the three men who were to have been the victims escaped by eating too much of the strychnine-flavored bread and Chavez confessed to the poison plot which resulted in the death of Antonio Chavez.

Mrs. Lillian Overson and children left yesterday for Basalt, Idaho, where her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sorensen now reside. We are informed that Mrs. Overson will make her home at Basalt. She has many friends in St. Johns who are indeed sorry to part with her, but who wish her success and happiness in her home at Basalt.

SPRINGVILLE NOTES.

Mrs. Callie Wolcott, daughter of Mrs. Owens, is here on an extended visit.

Mr. Clarke last Friday rushed his little son to a doctor at Winslow, the little boy fell off a barn and broke his arm and shoulder, with other injuries.

James F. Campbell and family are moving to their ranch for the summer.

Deputy Sheriff Coleman was up visiting his family the first of the week.

Mr. Connor Trammell is very busy taking enrollment for military service.

The Hammel-Prown ice-cream parlor will be located in the Sanchez building this summer.

Big Harris Miller has been in the city looking after business matters for a few days.

Mrs. D. Howland has a position in the forest office as stenographer.

Rev. White, the minister and family will make their home in the Avaristo Candelaria house for the summer.

Mrs. LeRoy Stiles has just finished a trip to Holbrook to get a tooth pulled.

"The Mid-Western Loan Company Wewoka, Oklahoma, will loan you money at 5 1/2% on real estate."

Dr. H. A. Berry announces that he will open an office at Eagar and will be ready for business next Thursday, April 26, For dental work see him.

Mrs. Harry Udall, who has been in our city for the past two weeks gave birth to a nine pound girl yesterday morning.

Rifle Club for St. Johns

At a mass meeting of the citizens of St. Johns last night a Rifle Club was organized and given the name of the St. Johns Rifle Club, with Dr. T. J. Bouldin as President, Gilbert E. Greer, Vice-President, and Albert F. Anderson, Secretary and Treasurer. A Red-Cross Society was also proposed. A fairly good representation of the people of St. Johns was present and the true spirit of patriotism prevailed. Another meeting is called for next Monday night when further particulars will be arranged.

The government will furnish rifles at \$6 each to members of the club and gives free, each year, 120 rounds of ammunition and will sell ammunition to rifle clubs at \$26 per thousand rounds.

We believe that this is a good move and we suggest that suits be bought for members. Come out next Monday night and take part in helping complete the organization and make it a success. Everybody is invited to be present.

Captain Lebaron of Company B, State N. G. was in town yesterday and up to this morning seven of our town boys had volunteered their service as soldiers for Uncle Sam. They are Silas Harris, Parley Heap, Frank Christensen, Leo Shreeve, Vaughn H. Greer, Edgar Mineer and Wm Harris Jr. There are also a number of our Spanish-American boys who have joined, but whose names we have not learned. There are others who would like to go but they are either married men, and they are not wanted just yet, or boys that are not old enough to go without parents consent.

The following letter from the Attorney General at Washington, D. C., to J. P. Dillon, U. S. Marshal, at Phoenix, Ariz. is printed at the request of County Attorney G. E. Greer: Washington, D. C. April 2, 1917. J. P. DILLON, Esq., United States Marshal, Phoenix, Arizona.

Sir:

In the absence of any method established by law to afford protection to citizens or subjects of a nation with which the United States is at war, and who may be resident or sojourning in the United States, it seems advisable for the department at this time to indicate to its officers its views.

Experience in other countries has demonstrated that especially at the outbreak of hostilities and immediately thereafter, innocent persons have lost their lives or suffered serious property damage at the hands of mobs and of more or less irresponsible individuals, and indeed in some instances at the hands of persons who are ordinarily sober and conservative citizens who have temporarily allowed their passions to get the better of their good judgment.

The Department feels very strongly that any violence directed against persons simply because of their nationality or friendly attitude toward a country with which the United States may be at war would be a most serious blot upon the name of this country.

Citizens of a foreign country with whom the United States may be at war who engage in improper or unlawful activities against it or its citizens will be promptly and adequately dealt with in accordance with law, but all who refrain from such hostilities and abide by the laws of this country are entitled to pursue in peace their lives and occupations.

You are earnestly requested to use your influence to prevent any outrages whatever of the character above outlined, and to communicate, if you think this course practicable, with the county attorneys, sheriffs, etc., in the same manner as directed in the recent circular letters of the Department with respect to the detection and prevention of hostile activities, in an effort to secure their cooperation in this matter.

It is believed that you can count upon the support and assistance of the citizens of this country almost solidly in this matter when they have had an opportunity to consider it, and that they will regard the protection of peaceful aliens as an important patriotic duty.

I cannot urge too strongly the importance of your giving to this matter your best efforts, especially until such time as Congress may be able to provide specific and more effectual means for dealing with it.

Frank Gallegos is in from his ranch spending a few days with his family and calling on old friends.

Sam Lyle one of the Tucker Church men was in the city for a brief business visit.

Don Benigo Lopez of Concho was a business visitor here this week.